

Amendments to Claims

Please cancel claims 1 through 46 without prejudice and enter new claims 47-66, as follows:

47. A device for making a barrier, comprising: a track having a generally elongate body having an "H"-shaped cross-sectional profile, said profile having a channel operative for retaining a molding barrier bag filled with firestop material against a building surface; and a molding barrier bag operative to be filled with a firestop material.

48. The device of claim 47 wherein said molding barrier bag is located within said channel of said track, said bag containing a firestop material.

49. The device of claim 47 wherein said track comprises two elongate parts, a first part defining said channel for retaining a molding barrier bag, and a second part shaped to straddle wall studs.

50. The device of claim 49 wherein said first and second parts are attached to each other.

51. The device of claim 47 wherein said track has a generally "H"-shaped cross-sectional profile.

52. The device of claim 51 further comprising at least two flanges for attaching said track to a building surface and retaining said molding barrier bag against the building surface.

53. The device of claim 52 wherein said track is formed from one sheet of metal.

54. The device of claim 47 further comprising a plurality of openings located periodically along the length of said elongate body to permit access for filling said molding barrier bag.

55. The device of claim 54 further comprising a plurality of openings located periodically along the length of said elongate body, proximate to said flanges, to permit visual inspection of said molding barrier bag when said bag is filled with firestop material.

56. The device of claim 47 wherein said track is formed from one sheet of metal, said track comprising an H-shaped cross-sectional profile with a pair of flanges for attaching said device to a building surface, said flanges being connected to outer vertical walls of said H-shaped profile, which outer vertical walls in turn are connected respectively to inner lower vertical walls which in turn are connected to each other by a connecting wall member that is perpendicular with respect to said

outer and inner vertical walls, thereby generally defining an "H"-shaped cross-sectional profile having said flanges.

57. The device of claim 56 wherein said connecting wall member contains a plurality of openings located periodically along the length of said generally elongate body, said openings operative to access for filling said molding barrier bag located within said channel.

58. The device of claim 56 wherein said outer vertical walls have a plurality of openings proximate to said flanges operative to permit visual inspection of said molding barrier bag contained within said channel.

59. A method for making a barrier, comprising: attaching to a building surface the device of claim 47, whereby said molding barrier bag is contained within said channel against said building surface.

60. The method of claim 59 further comprising filling said molding barrier bag with a firestop material, and assembling wall studs connected to said track.

61. The method of claim 60 further comprising attaching at least one wall board to said wall studs, whereby a portion of said at least one wall board is allowed to move with respect to said molding barrier bag retained within said track.

62. The device of claim 47 having a pair of flanges for attaching said H-shaped cross-sectional profile against a building surface, a molding barrier bag contained in an upper channel of said track, said molding barrier bag located within a channel in said H-shaped device and filled with firestop material, a plurality of wall studs assembled beneath and connected to said H-shaped profile, and at least one wall board attached to some of said wall studs and located alongside said track, said wall board being operative to move with thermal cycling with respect to portions of said track.

63. The device of claim 47 wherein said molding barrier bag comprises crinkles or pleats operative as compartments to permit expansion of said bag when filled with firestop material.

64. The device of claim 56 wherein said molding barrier bag comprises crinkles or pleats operative as compartments to permit expansion of said molding barrier bag when filled with firestop material, said bag having an opening or valve that is accessible through an opening in said connecting wall member of said "H"-shaped cross-sectional profile.

65. A device for making a barrier, comprising: an elongate body having an H-shaped cross-sectional profile, said body having a pair of flanges to attach said H-shape to a building surface.

66. The device of claim wherein said H-shaped cross-sectional profile and said flanges are formed from one sheet of metal.